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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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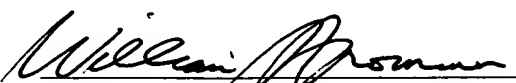
Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 14, 2002. In light of the
accompanying Certified English Translation and following remarks, reconsideration and
allowance of this application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1-13 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hsu (U.S. Patent No. 6,295,058) and Linden (U.S. Patent No. 6,360,254). The present application is entitled to the Japanese priority filing date of April 7, 1998. This priority date antedates the September 15, 1998 U.S. provisional filing date to which Linden is entitled and the July 22, 1998 U.S. filing date to which Hsu is entitled. Enclosed herewith is a verified English translation of Japanese priority application 10-094582, from which it will be seen that claims 1-13 are fully supported by this Japanese priority application. In view of the earlier effective filing date of the present application, the Hsu and Linden references are not available as prior art with respect hereto. It is, therefore, requested that these references be removed and that the rejection of claims 1-13 as being unpatentable over Hsu and Linden be withdrawn. See MPEP 201.15.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance; and an early notice to this effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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